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TO: Directors, Supervisors, and Contact Persons Addressed

FROM: Sandra C. Curwood, PhD, RDN, *Sandy*
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DATE: December 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Introduction of DOE-SNP Specialist for Region 4 and 5

The Virginia Department of Education (DOE), Office of School Nutrition Programs (SNP) has hired a new staff member, Casey Dickinson, as School Nutrition Program Specialist. Casey's most recent position was with the Virginia Department of Health. As a Special Nutrition Programs Compliance Review Liaison she served as a supporting team member for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in meeting regulatory compliance requirements.

Casey comes to VDOE-SNP with a Bachelor's of Science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Human Nutrition, Food, and Exercise. She interned at the Department of the Navy with the Child and Youth Programs where she aided in ensuring the Child Development Center met accreditation standards. She has also worked as a Nutritionist for the Department of Defense, and had oversight responsibility for the food program at the Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers. Please join us in welcoming her!

Casey will serve as the SNP Specialist for Region 5. Karen Howard, current Region 5 Specialist, will assume responsibility for Region 4, beginning January 2, 2017. Karen will continue to be a resource to Region 5, while we make the transition. Casey and Karen will be making introduction visits to some Region 5 school divisions. Casey will also schedule visits to get to know the divisions and the region.

Name Assignment E-mail Address Phone:

Casey Dickinson, SNP Specialist, Region 5: Casey.Dickinson@doe.virginia.gov (804) 786-2695
Karen Howard, SNP Specialist, Region 4: Karen.Howard@doe.virginia.gov (804) 371-2337

Their contact information is also available on the VDOE website. Please see the directory on the DOE Web site:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/nutrition/resources/region_specialists.shtml

If the assigned specialist is not immediately available, please leave a voicemail or email message and they will get back to you promptly.

If you have a question that requires immediate assistance, please call the Office of School Nutrition Programs at (804) 225-2082 or 2074 and the administrative support staff, Crystal Christmas, will direct your call.

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